

A CLOSER VIEW OF DISTRICT 2

Quarterly Newsletter, Issue 14

October 2013

Special Message From Councilwoman Taylor:



Dear Neighbor,

This newsletter issue highlights information pertaining to the Good Samaritan Hospital redevelopment, 2012-2017 BOND projects occurring in District 2, updates on the adopted City of San Antonio FY2014 Budget, provides information regarding possible Pre-K 4 SA Sites in District 2, introduces Mahncke Park and East Terrell Hills Neighborhood Association and

provides a list of upcoming events occurring in the District.

As always, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you to continue progress in District 2.

Sincerely,

Ivy R. Taylor

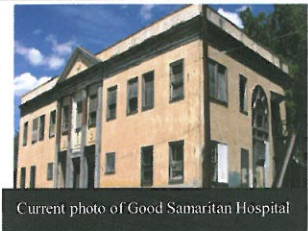
Councilmember, District 2

District 2 Book Club

Councilwoman Taylor will host the first ever, District 2 “NERD” Book Club. The book of the month is “The Pact” by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Remeck Hunt. Books are on reserve at the Carver Library. The book club will start Saturday, October 12th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Carver Library. For more information, please call 207-2122

Ground Breaking For Veterans Outreach & Transition Center

In August, city staff, residents and members of Alamo Colleges participated in the ground breaking for the redevelopment of the Good Samaritan Hospital. Located at 1602 Dakota, the building was built in 1948 as the Corinth Baptist Church and opened as a hospital for African-Americans in response to segregation. The historic hospital will become a Veterans Training and Education center run by St. Philip’s College. A community meeting about this project will be held on October 22nd at St. Philip’s College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive at 6:00 p.m.



Current photo of Good Samaritan Hospital

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Important Numbers

City Hotline.....	311 or 207-6000
Utility/Rental assistance.....	207-7830
Housing Rehab.....	207-0147
Bexar Utility Assistance.....	335-6770
Fair Housing.....	207-5910
Senior Services.....	207-7172
Childcare Services.....	206-5200
Youth Services.....	207-8198
SAPD (East) Substation.....	207-7781
SAPD (North) Substation.....	207-8126
SAFFE Office (East).....	207-7566
SAFFE Office (North).....	207-8350
SAPD Non-emergency.....	207-7273
Homeless Services.....	207-7823
Animal Care Services.....	207-4738

District 2 BOND Projects

Pittman-Sullivan Park



The project is currently in the bid phase with a bid opening for September 17th. The scope of work includes the construction of a walking trail, lighting enhancements, picnic units, site furniture and shade structures. Construction is estimated to begin in 2014. The total cost for the project is \$650,000.

Lou Kardon Park



The project is currently in the design phase. CIMS Vertical staff conducted a schematic design public plan review meeting on September 9th. The project scope will include trail rehabilitation, trail lighting, shade canopy for the playground, picnic tables and soccer goals. Construction is estimated to begin in 2014. The total cost for the project is \$650,000.

Martin Luther King Park



The project is currently in the design phase. There will be an upcoming community meeting in an effort to hear residents input regarding the design plans and their vision of the park. The public meeting will be held October 10th at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club at 6:00 p.m. The project will include park rehabilitation and improvements to include site grading, entry and circulation. The total cost for the project is \$2 million.

Lord Road & Copernicus Park



Construction on Lord Road is almost complete. The construction on the parking lot extension is progressing. In addition, the contractor has started working on the rehabilitation of the existing trail at Copernicus Park. The rehabilitation work was not part of the original contract. This additional work will extend the overall completion of the project by 40 days. The revised completion date is estimated to be completed by the end of the year. Public Works has installed speed humps in the area.

Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) was founded in 1979 for the protection, preservation, and development in the area and its surrounding neighborhoods. The neighborhood is north of Fort Sam Houston and Brackenridge Avenue and South of Burr Road. It is bounded on the East by the San Antonio Country Club and on the West by Brackenridge Park. Currently, the organization is preparing for their next general Membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th at the Lion's Field Adult Center, 2809 Broadway, at 7:30 p.m. Residents who would like to join standing committees (history and research, neighborhood concerns, program and public relations) are encouraged to attend. For more information about MPNA, please visit their website at (www.mahnckepark.org).

City of San Antonio FY2014 Budget

The FY2014 Budget has been adopted and does not increase the City's Property tax rate.

The adopted general fund budget includes \$988 million and addresses community and city council priorities such as public safety, streets and sidewalks, senior services, neighborhoods and economic development. The budget includes \$17.9 million for police and fire, \$54.8 million for streets, sidewalks and drainage improvements, \$1.5 million for senior services, and \$1.25 million in neighborhood initiatives. The budget also includes no service re-

ductions for Code Enforcement and funding for Animal Care Services to continue spay and neuter efforts. The creation of a Parks environmental fee, would generate \$6.4 million in new annual revenue. This will reinstate park reductions including outdoor swimming pool hours, open play centers, eliminate fee increases to the summer youth programs and the Music and Dance Program, eliminate new fees for the Parks Swim Pass, and provide enhanced services such as park upgrades, community center renovations and new playgrounds and reinstate library hours. Along with these city wide initiatives the budget includes capital improvements projects for District 2 including expansion of the Senior Center, improvements to Woodward Community Center, Coliseum Oak Park Maintenance and more. For more information or a complete list of budget highlights, please call 207-2122.

FY2014 Adopted Budget Highlights—District 2

New Projects and Initiatives for FY 2014	FY 2014 Adopted Budget
CHOICE Neighborhood	\$3,600,000
CD 2 Senior Center Expansion	757,170
Carver Library	293,000
Woodard Community Center	150,000
Salado Creek Tributary (Drainage)	2,294,000
Stella Pipe Replacement (Drainage)	300,000
San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE)	258,668
Barbara Jordan Community Center	640,000
Brackenridge Park – River Retaining Walls	500,000
Coliseum Oak Park Maintenance	80,000
Garden Center Park Maintenance	110,000
NAMP	200,000
Total	\$9,182,838

East Terrell Hills Neighborhood Association

Members of East Terrell Hills Neighborhood Association and Councilwoman Taylor celebrated the organizations 20th anniversary this year on May 1st. Created in 1993, East Terrell Hills Neighborhood Association was created by Ms. Evie Lee Edmond who had the vision and foresight to do something good in her community. Ms. Edmond also founded the neighborhood watch organization Citizens on Patrol, or COPS, in the area as well. The East Terrell Hills Neighborhood Association encourages residents to join. The association holds meetings the first Wednesday of each month at the East Terrell Hills Elementary School, 4415 Bloomdale Drive at 6:30 p.m. For more information on how you can join, please call Ms. Rand at 655-1964.

Pre-K 4 SA

Update

Students started their first day of school for Pre-K 4 SA in August. Currently, the Pre-K 4 SA team consists of 158 employees, including 88 teachers. Approximately 700 students are expected to attend the first two centers within the first year. The North Education Center is located at 3635 Medical Drive and the South Education Center is located at 7031 S New Braunfels.

District 2 may end up being home to two Pre-K 4 SA sites. Earlier this year, the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors approved the location for the East Education Center to be in the 5000 block of Eisenhower Road (near Midcrown and IH-35/Loop 410). After exploring options with potential developers, the Pre-K 4 SA Board also authorized staff to initiate a six month feasibility study of the St. Philip's College Learning and Leadership Development Center as a smaller satellite program site (approximately 160 students). The City of San Antonio has interest rights on a 17,000 square foot facility on the campus of St. Philip's College. For more information, please call 207-2122.

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Upcoming Events

October 2013

- 10/5 CHAT N' CHEW WITH
COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR AT
THE JINGU HOUSE AT THE
JAPANESE TEA GARDENS
- 10/6 DIGNOWITY HILL PUSH CART
DERBY AT LOCKWOOD PARK
- 10/10 MARTIN LUTHER KING
PARK PUBLIC MEETING AT
THE EASTSIDE BOYS AND
GIRLS CLUB
- 10/12 DISTRICT 2 "NERD" BOOK
CLUB AT THE CARVER
BRANCH LIBRARY
- 10/22 GOOD SAMARITAN
HOSPITAL PUBLIC HEARING
AT ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE
- 10/26 SAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL AT
AT&T CENTER

November 2013

- 11/2 DISTRICT 2 FALL COOKOUT
IN THE PARK AT MARTIN
LUTHER KING PARK
- 11/28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
DISTRICT 2!

December 2013

- 12/5 DISTRICT 2 HOLIDAY SOCIAL
(LOCATION TBD)
- 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
DISTRICT 2!

January 2014

- 1/1 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S
DISTRICT 2!
- 1/20 CELEBRATE MARTIN
LUTHER KING DAY

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